

WEAKENED WANDERERS

BUNDLED OUT IN EXTRA TIME

Horseman Injury Is Decisive Factor

Wycombe Wanderers 1, Chesham United 2

THE Berks and Bucks Senior Cup goes to Chesham United after 120 minutes of tense cup-tie football fought out on Maidenhead United's ground on Easter Monday.

The main factor why the handsome trophy is standing in the Chesham boardroom and not Wycombe's is because the Athenian League side were able to raise the level of their game and rise to the occasion.

Chesham were yards faster on the ball and always moved forward in attack with belief in their own capabilities of defeating their opponents. On the other hand Wycombe showed a tendency to slow the game down sometimes to walking pace.

The Wanderers suffered a tremendous set-back after 28 minutes, when the idol of Loakes Park, Tony Horseman, limped off, to take no further part in the match.

This was a body-blow to Wycombe, but a side of their calibre should be sufficiently resolute to overcome such a set-back, especially when facing a team from Division One of the Athenian League.

On the day Chesham were the better team and it would have been a travesty of justice had Wycombe "stolen" a victory.

The match should never have entered extra time. A combination of poor finishing and some incredible bad luck robbed Chesham of an earlier win but gave the large crowd an extra bonus of 30 minutes football.

HORSEMAN OFF

Maskell was soon in action, saving well from Gogan and Reardon, while Willis was a continuous thorn in the Wanderers' side with his probing runs.

Then Horseman, who had been limping since the 14th minute, went off and sat de-

jectedly on the trainers' bench. An anxious-looking Barry Darvill ushered on substitute Vic Faulkner.

This loss certainly unsettled the side and Wycombe lost what little early rhythm they had. It also meant a wholesale shuffle in the side, with Faulkner going to left-back, Gale moving to left-half, and Samuels moving into the forward line and having the unenviable task of supplying the main goal power since Horseman was missing.

Wycombe adopted shoot-on-sight tactics and Samuels, Gale, Worley and Merrick all skied chances over the bar. Chesham hit the post in the early stages of the second half and although the Wanderers came more into the running Chesham still dominated.

In the 90th minute Chesham again hit the woodwork, when Maskell was beaten by Broomfield, but recovered brilliantly to save his second effort on the line.

AT LAST—

Extra time was ordered and in the second minute Chesham finally broke the deadlock. From a free-kick Cooley saw his header blocked by Maskell but he seized on the rebound to drive past the stranded keeper.

Chesham scored their second goal in the 100th minute when Broomfield's fast centre cannoned off Rundle and into the net. It was a tragedy for Ian, who had been the outstanding player on the field at centre-half.

In the first minute of the second period of extra time Wycombe surprisingly scored. A long centre from Gale was snapped up by Merrick, who slid the ball into the net.

It looked as though the scene was set for sensational fighting finish but it was beyond a side playing their fifth match in nine days.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Beck, Gale; Baker, Rundle, Samuels; Worley, Busby, Bates, Horseman, Merrick. Sub.: Paulkner.

Chesham United: Binfield; Richards, McCaffrey; Duntton, Goodenough, Scott; Willis, Reardon, Gogan, Cooley, Broomfield.